

# Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

In dropping off two of my children at the high school, I was pleased to notice that the ivy growing along the walks and grounds is coming along nicely. Some of the trees are still not full-grown, being that they were planted not too many years ago when the doors first opened. However, the surrounding shrubs and lawns have removed the starkness sometimes found in new constructions.

Actually, by comparison with the other schools in the area, Patrice and Brian's school is one of the oldest. A veritable "Ivy League." Thus, it fairly reeks with tradition. But the question I pose is, when didn't it? When wasn't there a Senior Court, where no lower classmen dare enter? When wasn't there a sentimental auld school song?

*My theory is that schools no longer wait for traditions to develop by themselves. There isn't time. Not in an age when business establishments boast, "We have been serving you since 1963."*

Instead, "Instant Tradition" was devised, undoubtedly by a committee selected for that purpose. Thus, on the opening day of the brand new school you might have the principal addressing the student body in this manner:

"Welcome to Chester Alan Arthur High School. To acquaint you with the spirit for which we are famous, let's all together sing our traditional Rally Song, the words for which will flash on the screen. So please sing along with the bouncing ball.

*"By the crepe paper streamers you will notice that our school colors are Pistachio and Chartreuse, which we had to select because the District was running out of colors; just as they were running out of presidents' names to name schools after. Perhaps we're lucky at that, because next year the only names left will be those of losing candidates."*

"Our school mascot was chosen out of the IBM machine and I'm afraid we're stuck with the "Chester A. Arthur Anteaters."

"Our traditional rival will be the hated Geranium Heights School, although it will serve only as an interim rival until the new Ronald Reagan High School is constructed.

*"Incidentally, since every school should have a traditional professor, known as 'Old Battle Axe' because of his strict disciplinary tactics and low grades, Mr. Charles Curmudgeon of the Biology Department has kindly volunteered his services. Please stand and take your cuts. . . ."*

"To show that we have omitted nothing, Miss Yvonne Algiers has consented to show up with a miniskirt to bring some publicity to these hallowed walls. That is all. May I remind you to please be careful of the landscaping. The ivy was planted this morning."

## Benefit Art Show Slated April 6-7

An art "happening" will take place in the Long Beach home of Dr. and Mrs.

Manuel Mayuga, 6571 El Roble, as a benefit for the Art Department of Immaculate Heart College, Saturday and Sunday, April 6 and 7, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Committee members include Mmes. Leslie Still, Robert Rutherford, and John Johnson. Mrs. Mayuga and Mrs. Still are members of the Long Beach Museum of Art.

During the two-day event, the work of Sister Corita Kent, IHM, and Della Lange, and their pupils will be exhibited for sale. Demonstrations of serigraphy, batik and metal craft are also planned.

Color films by the pupils of Sister Lenore Navarro, IHM, associate professor of film of the college, will be screened during the two days.

The public is invited to attend and reservations are not necessary.

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## New B&PW Officers Installed

Torrance Business and Professional Woman's Club installed its new officers at a dinner meeting at the Indian Village on March 18 with Miss Kathleen Head, Harbor Section Area Chairman for Sierra Mar District's Leadership Development program, conducting the ceremony. Assuming their official duties were, from left, Mmes. Eveline Erikson, recording secretary; Doris Erikson, president; Lorna Land, president-elect; Ruth Johnson, vice-president; Mae Parker, treasurer. Other new officers, not pictured, are Mmes. Marge Cummins, corresponding secretary; and Bernelle Harbert, auditor. Mrs. Flora Hameetman is the retiring president.

## District Garden Clubs To Elect New Officers

Los Angeles Bay Harbor District of California Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.,

will hold its general meeting Wednesday, April 3, at the South Coast Botanic Gardens in Rolling Hills. This meeting, under the direction of Mrs. Jack Gates of Palos Verdes, will be a business meeting.

## Love Topic For Chapter Meeting

Mrs. Lyle Bright, 5 Millward Lane, Wilmington, was hostess to members of Alpha Omega Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority at the Chapter's regular semi-monthly meeting.

"Love's Miracle in Marriage" was the topic chosen by the cultural program presented by Mrs. Pete Sund. She was assisted by Mrs. Lyle Bright and Mrs. James Look. Mrs. Maurice Talbot gave a talk on "How Is Your Conversation?" and was assisted by Mmes. Guillermo Agayo, James Green and Fred Lentz.

Business followed and was conducted by Mrs. Paul Jorjal, president. Those present were Mmes. Richard Dampier, guest; Andrew Foster, advisor; and Paul Jorjal, James Look, Chuck Iverson, Louis Brownlee, Francis A. Fatigante, James Greene, Pete Sund, Guillermo Agayo, Fred Lentz, Maurice Talbot, Edward Anderson, Edward P. Santella and Lyle Bright.

There will be election of officers and annual reports from all the club presidents. There will also be a salad luncheon, and guests are welcome. The luncheon will be free to members with nominal fee for guests.

One of the main topics of conversation at the meeting will be the California Federation of Garden Clubs' Annual State Convention to be held May 2 through May 5 at Visalia. This year's theme will be "Nature's Showcase" and promises to be an enjoyable occasion. Most club presidents and district officers will be attending.

Among those attending will be Mmes. Jack Gates of Palos Verdes; Carroll Stough, assistant director of Long Beach; Frances Young and A. M. Goodwin, Hermosa Beach; John Wentworth and E. A. Schoenbaum of Palos Verdes. Area clubs have completed many projects and will be eligible for many awards.

## Area B&PW Luncheon Set Members to Graduate

Graduation classes of the Sierra Mar District of Business and Professional Women's Clubs Leadership Development program will receive well-earned diplomas and honors at a dinner meeting to be held at the Golden West Auditorium in Norwalk, Friday evening, March 29.

Torrance Business and Professional Women's Club is pleased to announce that six of their members have successfully completed the Leadership Development Classes of the Harbor Section.

Mrs. Doris Erikson and Mrs. Lorna Land, newly-elected president and president-elect respectively, of the local club will be receiving diplomas from the Advanced Class and those graduating from the Elementary Division are: Eveline Erikson, Bernelle Halbert, Mae Parker and Trudy Rumrill.

## Area B&PW Luncheon Set Members to Graduate

Spanish Club at Torrance High School will serve a benefit Salad Luncheon Saturday from 12 noon until 2 p.m. at the Torrance YWCA, 2320 Carson St.

Tickets are now on sale and may be secured from any Spanish Club member or by contacting Mrs. Arthur Sielaff.

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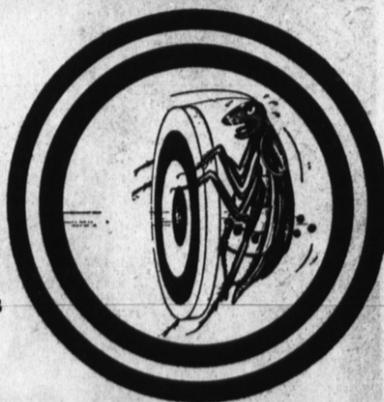
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